

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WELLINGTON NORTH
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – JANUARY 11, 2021 AT 2:00 P.M.
VIA WEB CONFERENCING <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-3YWKEAw6dU>

Members Present:

Mayor: Andrew Lennox
Councillors: Sherry Burke
Lisa Hern
Steve McCabe
Dan Yake

Staff Present:

Chief Administrative Officer: Michael Givens
Director of Legislative Services/Clerk: Karren Wallace
Deputy Clerk: Catherine Conrad
Director of Finance: Adam McNabb
Economic Development Officer: Dale Small
Human Resources Manager: Chanda Riggi
Director of Fire Services: Chris Harrow
Director of Operations: Matthew Aston
Community Recreation Coordinator: Mandy Jones
Chief Building Official: Darren Jones

CALLING TO ORDER

Mayor Lennox called the meeting to order.

Mayor Lennox acknowledged of the passing of Doug McLellan. He served on the Township of Arthur Council as Councillor for four years and Reeve for two years. Doug sat on the Wellington County Land Division Committee for several years and was co-chair on the committee to build the new Sports Complex in Mount Forest.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

RESOLUTION: 2021-001

Moved: Councillor Yake

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT the Agenda for the January 11, 2021 Regular Meeting of Council be accepted and passed.

CARRIED

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

No pecuniary interest declared.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Andrew Coburn, Coburn Insurance Brokers Ltd.
 - Township of Wellington North Insurance Policies

Mr. Coburn presented a general overview of the insurance landscape. The hardening trends which the industry started to experience in 2019 have continued. Coupled with COVID, 2020 has seen a drastic shift in the marketplace resulting in increased rates and reduced capacity. Carriers have reduced capacity, increasing rates, or exited certain industry classes. Carriers have been affected by losses resulting from third party liability. Primary coverages impacted are property and general liability. Property insurance rates have increased for 11 consecutive quarters with most significant increases in Q3 2020. Some property segments are attracting higher rate and deductibles increases. Several insurers exited the Municipal space, while others have reduced capacity requiring brokers to subscribe policies. Average property rate

increases are in excess of 15-20%. The pandemic has brought forth a lot of liability with highly scrutinized public entities. Insurance coverages are evolving and there are some expected coverages to come out as a result; but, they are seeing a communicable disease exclusion placed across almost all commercial. Social inflation has affected the rising cost of insurance claims.

The municipal insurance package includes policies to protect the Township's financial position and policies providing accident benefits. We are seeing an overall premium increase of 19% from 2020. A year over year premium comparison for the past three years was reviewed.

RESOLUTION: 2021-002

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North accept the proposed insurance coverage for the Township of Wellington North for the year beginning January 1, 2021.

CARRIED

Council directed staff to investigate the benefit of increasing deductibles.

2. Jennifer Stephens, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer and Laura Molson, Manager, Accounting, Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority
 - Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority Draft Budget 2021

Ms. Stephens presented an overview of the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority Draft 2021 Budget. The Township of Wellington North increase in levy is \$2,875.

A brief history of Conservation Authorities was provided. Conservation Authorities focus on watershed, transcending municipal boundaries. Conservation Authorities have been monitoring and collecting watershed information for decades. The role of the SVCA includes providing flood forecasting and warning information for watershed residents, municipalities and media; monitoring water quality; maintenance related to the SVCA watershed flood and erosion control projects; stewardship activities; environmental planning and regulations; conservation education; forestry; and non-revenue parks and property management.

Looking ahead the SVCA will be conducting a strategic planning exercise, to be completed in the summer of 2021. The purpose of the exercise is to identify priorities over the next 5 years based on feedback from member municipalities, stakeholders and the public.

RESOLUTION: 2021-003

Moved: Councillor Hern

Seconded: Councillor Yake

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority Draft Budget 2021 as presented.

CARRIED

3. Karen Chisholme, Climate Change Coordinator, County of Wellington
 - Climate Change Mitigation Plan

Ms. Chisholme presented the County of Wellington Climate Change Mitigation Plan, developed over the last year and a half, that identifies the energy use in the County and associated greenhouse gas emissions, and provides recommendations on reducing emissions and energy use. The presentation provided an overview of the project and how the County and member municipalities can work together to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The presentation included climate change in the County; how changes will be felt by infrastructure, agriculture, environment and recreation; what climate change mitigation is; and

the Federation of Canadian Municipalities milestone framework. The plan was developed by the steering advisory committee and a community advisory group.

The first milestone is the greenhouse gas emissions inventory looking at buildings, transportation, solid waste and agriculture. Agreements and commitments from other levels of government and some other guidance were considered to set a target. They have chosen 2017 data as their baseline to work with. Municipal involvement includes green building guidelines, active transportation, development policies, local climate action plan, community incentive program, conservation and demand management plans, community engagement.

The Climate Change Mitigation Plan is being reviewed by staff and will be prepared to go to the County of Wellington Planning Committee in early February.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF COUNCIL AND PUBLIC MEETING

1. Public Meeting, December 14, 2020
2. Regular Meeting of Council, December 14, 2020

RESOLUTION: 2021-004

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Burke

THAT the minutes of the Public Meeting and the Regular Meeting of Council held on December 14, 2020 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS OF COUNCIL

No business arising from previous meetings of Council.

IDENTIFICATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

2a, 3b, 4b, 5a

ADOPTION OF ALL ITEMS NOT REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

RESOLUTION: 2021-005

Moved: Councillor Yake

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT all items listed under Items for Consideration on the January 11, 2021 Council agenda, with the exception of those items identified for separate discussion, be approved and the recommendations therein be adopted:

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the minutes of the Saugeen Connects Meeting held on December 4, 2020.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the minutes of the Arthur Chamber of Commerce Directors Meeting held on December 9, 2020.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the Grand River Conservation Authority, Summary of the General Membership Meeting held December 18, 2020.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the Cheque Distribution Report dated January 5, 2021.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the report from CIMA+ regarding the Arthur Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion Project: Contract 1, Quarterly Report Q4 2020.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the Guelph Wellington Crime Stoppers Newsletter, The Informant, Winter 2020/21, 4th Quarter.

CARRIED

CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS FOR SEPARATE DISCUSSION AND ADOPTION

RESOLUTION: 2021-006

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report EDO 2021-001 Community Improvement Program;

AND FURTHER THAT Council approve a \$2,203 Façade Improvement Grant to eclectic...the gift store at 147 George Street in Arthur.

AND FURTHER THAT Council approve grants totaling upwards to \$10,000 to Pfisterer Farms located at 8462 Line 6, Kenilworth.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2021-007

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Burke

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report TR 2021-001 being a report on the Ontario Municipal Modernization Program and IT Service Delivery Review;

AND FURTHER THAT Council endorse the recommendations detailed in the Blackline Consulting report, and direct staff to implement the detailed recommendations as feasible;

AND FURTHER THAT Council endorse the application for future funding opportunities afforded by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) via the Municipal Modernization Program future intakes, or others, applicable to the opportunities identified in the final report.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2021-008

Moved: Councillor Yake

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report OPS 2021-002 being a report to grant sewage allocations;

AND FURTHER THAT Council commit to allocating one hundred and ninety (190) sewage allocation units, pursuant to the Sewage Allocation Policy 012-19 as follows:

Owner	Development	Location	Singles	Semis	Towns	Apartments	TOTAL
2073022 Ontario Inc.	Eastridge Landing Phase III	Arthur- Schmidt Drive area	19	20	8	0	47
2073022 Ontario Inc.	Eastridge Landing Phase IV	Arthur- Schmidt Drive area	18	18	20	0	56
940749 Ontario Limited	Forest View Estates	Domville Street	10	8	8	24	50
Seawaves Homes Ltd	Seawaves Home	Gordon Street	0	0	37	0	37
TOTAL			47	46	73	24	190

AND FURTHER THAT the sewer allocation units expire thirty-six (36) months from the date of a signed sewage allocation agreement or forty (40) months from the date of the resolution, whichever is shorter, after which time the allocations are returned to the Township’s sanitary reserve and distributed at the discretion of Council;

AND FURTHER THAT Township Council directs staff to prepare sewage allocation agreement(s) with each developer consistent with the current Sewage Allocation Policy to be authorized by Mayor and Clerk.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2021-009

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North, pursuant to Section 6 of the Sewage Allocation Policy 012-19 grant the Building Department 20 units of the uncommitted sewage allocations, per system (20 units Mount Forest – 20 units Arthur) for infill lots.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2021-010

Moved: Councillor Hern

Seconded: Councillor Yake

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive for information Report CLK 2021-001 being a report on Off-Road Vehicles (ORV) on municipal roads.

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION

No notice of motion tabled.

COMMUNITY GROUP MEETING PROGRAM REPORT

Councillor Burke (Ward 2):

- Received a cheque for \$5,000 for Mount Forest splashpad. The funding gap has been covered. There is enough money for the sponsorship sign so we don't need to rely on the Mount Forest Lions Club.

Councillor Hern (Ward 3):

- The Mount Forest District Chamber of Commerce held their Annual General Meeting on December 29. Krista Blenkhorn, HR Manager at Vintex, is the new president. There are three new directors, Matt Lantz from Grafite Design. Crystal Seifried from the Wellington Advertiser, and Kelly Dimick from Cynthia & Company.

Mayor Lennox:

- The initial doses of the Covid-19 vaccine were received by the Wellington Dufferin Guelph Health Unit. We are the first region outside of where there are major hospitals to have vaccine delivered. The initial doses have been allocated and there will be more coming. First priority is to staff and residents of long term care. As more vaccine becomes available there will be challenges to deliver the vaccine to people. The Township may be asked to support the effort.

BY-LAWS

- a. By-law Number 001-21 being a by-law to authorize temporary borrowing from time to time to meet current expenditures during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2021
- b. By-law Number 002-21 being a by-law to provide for an interment tax levy on all assessment within specific tax classes and to provide a penalty and interest rate for current taxes in default and tax arrears
- c. By-law Number 003-21 being a by-law to adopt a budget including estimates of all sums required during 2021 for Operating and Capital, for the purposes of the municipality
- d. By-law Number 004-21 being a by-law to repeal By-law 17-1999 being a by-law to appoint Drainage Superintendent

RESOLUTION: 2021-011

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Burke

THAT By-law Numbers 001-21, 002-21, 003-21 and 004-21 be read a First, Second and Third time and enacted.

CARRIED

CONFIRMING BY-LAW

RESOLUTION: 2021-012

Moved: Councillor Yake

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT By-law Number 005-21 being a By-law to Confirm the Proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North at its Regular Meeting held on January 11, 2021 be read a First, Second and Third time and enacted.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION: 2021-013

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT the Regular Council meeting of January 11, 2021 be adjourned at 4:33 p.m.

CARRIED

CLERK

MAYOR